

# Admissions

## Application Process

The application process at Taylor University is more than paperwork. Through this process, students are invited to join Taylor's intentional Christ-centered community, developing minds for relentless discovery and a vision for engaging the world.

## Application Procedures and Review

Students may apply to Taylor University any time after the completion of their junior year of high school but should apply early in the academic year preceding their desired enrollment. Students may apply online at <https://www.taylor.edu/admissions/apply/>. Application materials may be requested by phone, via email at [admissions\\_u@taylor.edu](mailto:admissions_u@taylor.edu), or by writing the Office of Admissions, Taylor University, 1846 Main Street, Upland, IN 46989.

The application review is intended to evaluate the whole person in the process. We look to see first and foremost if a student has articulated having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We assess high school academic information to ensure a student is not being set up to fail in this rigorous collegiate academic environment. Each component of the application file is thoroughly reviewed by the admissions office prior to offer of enrollment.

## Application Procedures and Review for Taylor University Online Students

Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible before the term of desired enrollment. To apply for admission, complete the online application located here: <https://www.taylor.edu/admissions/apply/>. In addition to the application, applicants must provide an official (sealed) transcript(s) from any high school and college attended, and a Christian character reference. Submission of official ACT, CLT, or SAT scores is recommended but not required. Applications will not be reviewed until all materials are submitted. Students should be notified of a decision within one week of receiving all required items.

The application review is intended to evaluate the whole person in the process. Applications are assessed to determine if the student has articulated having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and if the student's academic history indicates probable success in collegiate online courses. Each component of that application file is thoroughly reviewed.

For applicants considering TU Online, these programs are specifically designed for motivated, self-directed learners. Qualified applicants for TU Online possess:

- Motivation to independently work toward the completion of courses
- Ability to successfully engage in college-level coursework as demonstrated by transcribed credits
- Ability to become a self-directed learner
- Computer capabilities for involvement in electronic communication with other learners, faculty, and staff

Upon acceptance into a program, a student will work with an assigned advisor to determine a course schedule and to register for classes.

## Readmission and Guest Applications

Applications for readmission to Taylor University, or for those who wish to be a guest student (including high school/pre-college) can be found at <https://www.taylor.edu/admissions/apply/> at the very bottom of the page. Taylor University Online students should contact TUO for details on applying for readmission or admission as a guest student.

## Secondary School Preparation

Applicants to Taylor University should graduate from an accredited secondary school. Test scores are recommended but not required for application review. Applicants should pursue a challenging college preparatory course load, including four years of English, a minimum of three years of math, a minimum of three years of laboratory science, and two years of social science. Two years of a foreign language are recommended.

Required credentials include the completed application form, affirmation of Taylor's Life Together Covenant, a personal statement of faith, an official high school transcript (GED may also be accepted), and a Christian character reference. Official test scores (ACT, SAT, or CLT) are recommended but not required. For test scores to be considered official, they must be sent to the Admissions Office either included on a high school transcript or directly from the College Entrance Examination Board, the American College Testing Service, or the Classical Learning Test.

An official campus visit and personal interview are essential components of the decision making process.

## Decisions and Notification

The Admissions Office works to evaluate an application and send decision notification to a student within a month of receiving a completed application file. Based on the evaluation of the application, a student will receive one of three types of notifications:

**Standard Notification of Acceptance** offered to those found to be a good fit for the institution.

**Provisional Acceptance** for those who may be a good fit for the institution yet need some support to help ensure academic success.

**Denial of Admission** is possible if a student's success at Taylor is in question.

Details regarding decision making and notification may be obtained from the Executive Director of Admissions.

## Provisional Acceptance

This admissions classification is for applicants who, because of unusual circumstances, do not meet the minimum academic standards for regular admission. Students admitted under this classification must earn a minimum GPA of 1.70 during the first year as a full-time student in order to remain at Taylor. Students accepted under this classification are given a prescribed schedule (less than 15 hours) and are assigned an advisor from the Academic Enrichment Center. Please contact the Admissions Office for additional information.

## **Matriculation Deposit**

Matriculation deposits are required for the following terms:

- **Fall**

All applicants accepted for the Fall semester are required to submit a \$200 matriculation deposit that secures the student's place in the student body and begins the housing process. All new students are required to live on campus unless they are commuting from their parents' home. The matriculation deposit deadline for Fall admission is May 1. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to May 1 will receive a full refund.

- **Spring**

Students applying for the Spring semester may pay their \$200 matriculation deposit any time after they have been accepted. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to November 1 will receive a full refund.

- **Summer**

Students enrolling for Summer term may pay their matriculation deposit of \$20 upon notification of acceptance. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to the first day of classes will receive a full refund.

All refund requests must be submitted in writing.

## **International Students**

International students desiring admission should provide the following for consideration:

- TOEFL iBT score of at least 80 or a 6.5 band score on the IELTS. Scores must not be more than two years old. When registering, students should indicate code 1802 to have the scores sent directly to Taylor. The TOEFL may be waived if the student has a good academic record of study in an English medium high-school or college within the last two years.
- Certificate showing completion of secondary school, including the results of any examinations. Official English translations of the certificates are required.
- ACT, CLT, or SAT scores. These scores are recommended for students who wish to be considered for merit scholarships. They are also used to determine proficiency requirements in math, reading, and writing.

An application will not be evaluated until the student submits a completed application (including essays), completed recommendation forms, official academic records and test scores, TOEFL scores, an affidavit of support, and a signed Life Together Covenant.

International students must show evidence of financial support before full acceptance can be granted. The Form I-20 will not be issued until documentation showing sources of financial support is submitted. International students may work on campus part time during the academic year; however, the income generated will not be sufficient to cover education costs.

## **Transfer Students**

Transfer students must submit the transfer application form, a high school transcript, a Christian character recommendation, and an official transcript from each institution previously attended. Generally, a B- average is required. ACT, CLT, or SAT scores are recommended but not required.

For information regarding the transfer of credit to Taylor University, refer to **Transfer Credit Policy** in the *Academic Policies and Regulations* section of this catalog.

## **Advanced Placement and Credit by Examination**

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## **Guest Status**

Residential guest students may earn no more than 24 credit hours with this status. Transfer credit is not accepted while the student holds guest status. Students who wish to apply credits toward a degree must apply for regular admission to Taylor University. Students are considered guests when they are not seeking a degree from Taylor University and fall into one of the following categories:

- Students who desire to take courses at Taylor for the specific purpose of transferring the credit earned to another institution.
- Students who attend one of the Christian College Consortium schools and desire to complement their preparation with coursework at Taylor.
- Individuals who wish to take courses solely for the purpose of self-improvement.
- High school students who wish to take college courses (See **Honor Societies and Pre-College Credit** section of this catalog).

## **Pre-College Dual Enrollment**

For information, refer to **Honor Societies and Pre-College Credit** section of this catalog.